# CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322 MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2005

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman), and Supervisor Leigh Kane. Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. was absent.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Deb Schaefer.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

### **Public Comment.**

Joanne Hurrach. Lives in Birch Hollow Estates. Wanted to thank Joe Weston and the Road crew for their help with a spring on Lakeside Drive near the intersection of Birch Hollow Drive and Jay Road. The ice that accumulated was 24" thick. Chuck reported there are springs in the area. Township Engineer Chris McDermott went out and evaluated the site conditions, he noted that Verizon wires are in the way of where we need to dig to install pipes to alleviate this situation. We are currently waiting for an "all clear" to proceed. Chuck said we need to contact Atty. McDonald and have him work with the Road master and Engineer and to notify Verizon that as soon as the ground can be dug we will be working on this problem.

<u>Minutes</u>. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the January 18 meeting, as distributed. (3-0)

## Correspondence.

Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority. Is sponsoring "Clean your files day" on earth day April 22. They are asking if we would provide a truck and a location from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m to hold this event. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Dave pursue this further to get more details. (3-0)

<u>E-Mail DCNR</u>. Ms. Diane Kripas sent an e-mail regarding PA Clean ways clean up. This will be held in Monroe and Chester Counties. They have selected the Romascavage property. They will help us with funding, administration and technical assistance. Dave Albright, Planning Director would like to tie in a tire collection day as well, the goal is to get some PR and provide alternative ways for proper disposal of tires.

<u>Senior Housing</u>. Maureen received two phone calls from Allen Whitehead on his proposed project; he is still dealing with sewage issues. They did receive tax credits through Harrisburg. They should be before the Planning Commission within the next month.

### Roadmaster.

<u>977 Track Loader</u>. Joe Weston is asking the Board for authorization to trade in the 977-track loader. He said we should get approximately \$7,000.00 for it and we paid \$2500.00 for it at federal surplus. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this trade. (3-0) <u>FEMA</u>. Joe said we did apply to FEMA for Hurricane Ivan damage. There are three categories we have submitted: category B for \$30,000.00. Next, we will submit category C1 for \$26,000.00 and category C2 approximately \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00.

## **Planning Director**.

<u>County Grant-Master Site Plan.</u> Dave Albright had a grant agreement between the WE Municipalities and the County Commissioners for \$14633.00 towards the master site plan for the Romascavage property. The funds are actually Polk, Eldred and Ross's open space bond allocation. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to sign this agreement. (3-0)

<u>Revision CHT Official Zoning Map.</u> The Chestnuthill Township Official Zoning Map has been revised and therefore, we need to accept this revision by Resolution and sign the map. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve Resolu

tion 05-02 and sign the map. (3-0)

<u>Negotiate – Gethen Property</u>. Dave Albright is asking the Board for permission for himself and Chuck to negotiate an easement/purchase price on the Gethen's 10-ac parcel located off Jean Drive. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve Dave & Chuck to proceed with the negotiations. (3-0)

Negotiate – Metro Development. Dave Albright is asking the Board for permission for himself and Chuck to negotiate with Metro Development as it pertains to the Article 4 Official Map. This property is zoned for commercial development and we are looking to protect prime agriculture land somewhere else in the Township. This is a 53-acre parcel next to the Ames Plaza Shopping Center. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve Dave & Chuck to proceed with the negotiations. (3-0)

### Old Business.

<u>EIT Resolutions</u>. The resolutions would approve of the destroying of old EIT records. One resolution states you will follow the procedures in the records manual and the other one states what year's records will be destroyed. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve resolution 05-03 and 05-04 pending Atty. McDonald's review and approval. (3-0)

Appoint CPA. There were two proposals to do the audit of records for 2004. Todd Bushta, CPA proposal was \$8000.00 and Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC proposal on an hourly basis not to exceed \$6750.00. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to appoint Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC with resolution 05-05 to audit the 2004 records. (3-0)

<u>Christopher Lane.</u> This newly constructed road was recently changed to Ronald Reagan Way. However, due to a miscommunication between the Fire Co and the Supervisors the Fire Co asked that this road be named Fire House Lane. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to rename this road Fire House Lane. (3-0)

#### **New Business.**

<u>SEO Waiver – Pocono Community Bank</u>. A waiver is required for 200 sq ft requirement over and above the DEP requirements, as the soil suitability and area will not permit it. SEO, Helen Beers recommends this waiver. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this waiver request. (3-0)

<u>WE Senior Center</u>. The YMCA has conducted an exercise class for seniors at the park building. Due to budget constraints, they may have to end this program. Several businesses in the area have sponsored this class through a donation of \$60.00 per month to pay for the teacher expense. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to contribute \$120.00 for two months exercise classes. (3-0)

<u>Bills.</u> On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to pay the General Fund Bills. (3-0) on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the State Fund and Capitol Projects Fund bills. (3-0)

### Plan.

Western Pocono Community Library. Niclaus Engineering. Len Tusar was present on behalf of this plan. The Planning Commission recommended a waiver request of section 1004A.3 and 1004A.5 referring to private access streets. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to grant this waiver request. (3-0) On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to conditionally approve this plan pending the receipt of a highway occupancy permit and to direct J. Weston and C. McDermott to assist in obtaining this permit and the Township will fund the costs. (3-0)

**Adjournment**. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker Recording Secretary